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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm getting a little tired of the press trying to bring Linda Tripp down. She may go down in history much like Paul Revere's famous ride to alert the troops the British were coming.

Let's face it, who was Monica? Was Monica a brilliant student with high morals and great aspirations to do great things for her country? I think not. I've heard her called a bimbo, a sex machine, an author (give me a break), and a scheming woman who, with her lover, created a scandal that I believe this country will never be able to live down.

I know it is hard for the press to give credit where credit is due, but I think Linda Tripp did this country a big favor by letting us know what was going on in the White House, as embarrassing as it has been to this nation.

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A View From The West Coast

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U. S. Army Corp of Engineers  
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201 North 3rd Avenue  
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Attention: Dave Dinkle (509) 527-7288

I respectfully request that a copy of this testimony for record be given to the Seventeenth Federal Caucus, which includes the following agencies; Army Corp of Engineers, Bonneville Power Plant, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, The Environmental Protection Agency, Fish & Wildlife Services, Forest Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service. The following comments are for record.

If the dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers are breached, there will be a loss of revenue of over \$359,000,000. We must try to find a way to satisfy all of the different interests of the American people. What happens in the future not only effects the Northwest, but all of us in this country. So if we consider this the premise that we must collectively follow, then we must all agree that there is a way to get a fish over, under, through, or around the energy producing dams. We have the ability to put a man on the moon, so we must have the technology to take care of what we are committed to.

The American Indians have the undeniable right to fish and that right should be honored to the extent that there are fish to be harvested, for the tribe's personal use. I believe there are other things we must consider. When the salmon are trying to return to spawning grounds there are no less than five or six entities, such as China, Japan, Russia, Korea, America, Thailand, etc. harvesting salmon. Great numbers of salmon are taken by seals, walruses and other predator fish that are depleting the numbers of salmon on their way to the spawning grounds. I feel that the Coast Guard should patrol and monitor all of this activity. Remember that when the small smelt come back through the system and go into the Columbia River system, these fishing fleets will harvest any type of fish, can it, and call it a sardine. The Coast Guard should inspect these boats and they just might find them carrying other cargo (drugs and guns). The environmentalists have made it difficult to control the natural predators going up stream or down stream. I'm sure there are studies that will show the great amount of salmon no longer available because of predators which we can't, won't, or don't control.

Our government and the various agencies have spent millions of dollars to study habitat. I understand that Idaho Power has participated in these studies, but common sense would strongly suggest that fish ladders, canals, or flues along side canyons and dams, would allow the fish to go upstream even if these facilities are over a mile long. A fish pipeline lighted and with sufficient nourishment that goes around the dams should also be considered. That system has already been given a patent number. The cost of any of these procedures is almost astronomical. But it is a far better thing that we do by saving both dams and fish then to save the fish and destroy the dams. We should spend money to save jobs for our people instead of the trillions of dollars that we have and continue to spend all over the world, which has not proven to be very beneficial to this country. It is self evident if the price of electrical energy goes up, the farmers won't be able to afford to pump water to their fields and agriculture will suffer greatly. Water behind the dams is used for all kinds of production. Idaho must not be denied its inland

waterways where we send millions of tons of grain, lumber and other products from the great natural resources of Idaho and the Northwest all over the world.

The cheapest and cleanest power generation is from falling water. Without water and energy, we can't produce anything. If we have to replace that energy with coal burning or atomic plants, the environmentalists won't like it at all. However, they want to get rid of the cleanest energy which is renewable and non-toxic, falling water. When you consider the Western states, they are the natural resource producers. You have to be conservative in order to provide prosperity for our posterity.

When you lock up vast resources by executive order by the President of the United States, such as President Clinton locking up the coal resources of Utah and now wants to lock up approximately 12 million acres here in Idaho, that is unconstitutional. That means no roads, no grazing, no mining, no timbering, no access except by foot, helicopter, or horseback. If you use horses, you have to feed them hay cubes that are 99.9% weed free for at least three days before going into the wilderness area so that the horses don't spread noxious weeds. However, we are inviting great forest fires to take place because if the areas aren't used by the sheep and cattle industry in a limited manner, fires will consume thousands of acres because of all the undergrowth. Then the government won't allow the damaged and burned trees to be removed to go to the sawmills.

The Presidential executive order is being terribly abused by this administration. It was envisioned and derived from the Wars Power Act, which was in effect during World War II, and was to be used only in a national emergency situation. That was its intent. The executive office has abused that right. The Constitution implies that when any one of these three branches of government, the judicial (Supreme Court), the legislative (Congress), and the executive (the President) assumes more power than was intended, the other two step in to bring the government back to the people.

I bring this point up to you in all seriousness because we must control not only the dams and the natural resources, but the people must control the government, not the government control the people. If not, we will cease to exist as a republic. When you swear allegiance to this country, remember what you say ... "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

Thank you,

*Jack Streeter*  
Jack Streeter

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cc: Governor of Idaho  
Lt. Governor of Idaho  
Idaho Congressional Delegates  
Governor of Utah  
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Governor of Oregon

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I thou shalt have no other gods before me.  
I thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.  
I thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord in vain.  
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Honor the father and the mother.  
I thou shalt not kill.  
I thou shalt not commit adultery.  
I thou shalt not steal.  
I thou shalt not bear false witness.  
I thou shalt not covet.

if My people,  
which are called by My  
name, shall humble  
themselves, and pray,  
and seek My face,  
and turn from their  
wicked ways; then  
will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin,  
and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

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Mountain Home News

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### REASONABLE MANAGEMENT OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

At a meeting held the 13th of December, 1999, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, called by the Forest Service, the distrust and arrogance of the federal government and the attempt by the administration in Washington D.C. to operate around the Constitution by presidential executive orders touched a very sensitive nerve in Idaho. In the meeting, common sense didn't prevail. At one time during the meeting, it looked like a riot could have ensued.

The state of Idaho has been generous with its pristine high mountains, mountain valleys, rolling hills, and open semi-desert pasture lands. Now by presidential order, they want to do in Idaho what they apparently successfully did in Utah, take valuable resources, such as the coal, oil and minerals, lock them up and cause jobs to be lost. The federal government now insists that it owns 78% of all water that falls in Idaho. Without the wise use and development of water, there will be no prosperity, nothing can be produced without water. Without sawmills and logging, valuable resources of wood products and lumber will be lost as well as jobs. If nature burns the forest, then the loggers should take out the dead and burned wood in order to keep the forests healthy and in better shape for the new growth. The forest is a renewable resource. The range land is well suited for raising cattle, sheep, etc. and so is the forest if pastured properly, it cleans out the dry grasses that start forest fires.

We should allow precious metals to be mined in a manner where the environmental impact guarantees that the water, topography, and area being mined will be restored to the extent that it can be used by future generations. It is imperative that this be done in a practical manner. Mining is one of the only nonrenewable resources. The strategic minerals and petroleum products must be available for our economy and the security of our country. We can no longer follow a course that denies our posterity jobs that come from the development of our natural resources. We must have useful work that produces well paying jobs, or there will be no prosperity for our posterity and this nation will cease to be the land of the free. It will no longer be a republic, but a socialist country run by bureaucrats and unconstitutional presidential edicts. This would lead to the downfall of our economy and the bankruptcy of this once great nation under God.

You can't bring natural resources to the market without adequate roads. You must also give the crippled, less fortunate and lower income Americans a chance to see, enjoy, and use America's natural resources, not just the wealthy who can afford to go in by plane or helicopter, and use wilderness guides. The bureaucratic control of Idaho resources by the Forest Service, BLM, Fish and Wildlife is unacceptable. The lands in the state of Idaho should be managed by the state. The only federal managed lands should be large existing parks and established military installations.

If the managers of these vast resources were managing correctly, they would give money back to the treasury instead of having to appropriate hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer's money. They must be the poorest managers if they can't make a profit managing that much land and resources. The federal government wants to lock up an additional eight million acres of Idaho!

*Jack Streeter*  
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A View From the West Forty



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*Imp: Copy to Jack Stichter  
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Dear Chairman Prow, Members of the Central Committee and Fellow Republicans:

Congratulations on your successful Lincoln Day Celebration and greetings from your Attorney General. This is an exciting year. Republicans have the opportunity to take the White House. To be effective, however, we must maintain and enlarge our majority in the House and Senate. Our consistent and unified efforts in this endeavor will pay big dividends now and in the future. The lives of our children and our grandchildren will be affected by the outcome of this political season.

Currently, on behalf of the State Land Board, I have filed a lawsuit to force the Clinton Administration to play by their own rules and give Idaho a meaningful opportunity to discuss what President Clinton has called "one of the largest land preservation efforts in American history."

At this stage, all we are asking for is the appropriate information and a reasonable amount of time for Idahoans to understand and comment on this roadless plan. We may or may not be successful in our request for 120 additional days to comment. However, the potential impact on our state is so great that we just had to try.

My office has also been fighting hard to secure Idaho's claim to its own water. We have just completed oral arguments in the rehearing on the SRBA Wilderness case and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area case, which involves the water in Stanley Basin and the Salmon River. We hope to be successful, but in litigation there are no guarantees."

I understand that Elmore County has economic issues of its own to face. I wish you luck in resolving the railroad underpass expansion and the Airforce bombing range issues.

Today is a great day for us to celebrate Abraham Lincoln and to gain unity as Republicans.

Sincerely,

*Alan G. Lance*

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Attorney General

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